National Science Foundation
Rotational Vacancy

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: E20060121A- Rotator   **OPEN:** 8/7/2006   **CLOSE:** 10/31/2006

POSITION WILL BE FILLED ON A ONE OR TWO YEAR VISITING SCIENTIST APPOINTMENT, INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL ACT (IPA) ASSIGNMENT BASIS, OR FEDERAL TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT.

INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO APPLY FOR A PERMANENT POSITION SEE VACANCY NUMBER E200600120A

*ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN AMENDED TO EXTEND THE CLOSING DATE TO 10/31/2006.

The National Science Foundation is seeking qualified candidates for three positions of Program Director of the Network Systems (Nets), Computer Systems Research (CSR) and Education and Workforce (EWF) Clusters, Division of Computer and Network Systems (CNS), Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, Arlington, VA.

CNS supports research and education activities that invent new computing and networking technologies and that explore new ways to make use of existing technologies. The Division seeks to develop a better understanding of the fundamental properties of computer and network systems and to create better abstractions and tools for designing, building, analyzing, and measuring future systems. CNS projects also support the computing infrastructure that is required for experimental computer science, and it coordinates cross-divisional activities that foster the integration of research, education, and workforce development.

The Nets cluster (http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2005/nsf05505/nsf05505.htm) covers a broad range of topics summarized under the headings of research and education activities in networking technology and systems. Its goals are to sustain the science and technology needed to create next-generation networks as well as to address the limitations of existing networks. Topical areas of current interest include projects to create next-generation networks, increase fundamental understanding of large and complex heterogeneous networks, and continue the evolution of the network by overcoming existing limitations and by adding new capabilities and services. Targeted focus areas are programmable wireless networks, which seek to exploit the capabilities of programmable radios to make more effective use of the frequency spectrum and to improve wireless network connectivity; and networking of sensor systems, which seeks to create architectures, tools, algorithms, and systems that will make it easy to assemble and configure a network of sensor systems.

The CSR cluster (http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2004/nsf04609/nsf04609.htm) covers a broad range of topics summarized under the headings of embedded and hybrid systems, parallel and distributed operating systems, advanced execution systems, and systems modeling and analysis.   Projects may range in size from single investigators to teams of several investigators. This cluster supports research and education activities that address these requirements in a variety of systems, including distributed, mobile, and embedded systems; sensing and control systems; dynamically configured, multiple-component systems; parallel systems; and trusted systems.

The EWF cluster supports projects that integrate research and education across CISE, study the causes of the current lack of diversity in the information technology workforce, and lead to a broadening of participation by all under-represented groups. To achieve these goals, the cluster works closely with all CISE divisions. It also coordinates the participation by CISE in a portfolio of NSF-wide education and workforce programs.

This position will be filled on a one or two year Visiting Scientist Appointment, under the terms of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) or as a Federal Temporary Appointment. Temporary and Visiting Scientist appointments will be made under the Excepted Authority of the NSF Act with a current salary range of $91,407 to $142,449, depending on qualifications and experience. For Visiting Scientist appointments, individuals are in a non-pay leave status from the home institution and are appointed to NSF's payroll as a Federal employee. NSF withholds FICA and provides reimbursement for fringe benefits. For Federal temporary appointments of more than one year, the usual civil service benefits (retirement, health and life insurance) are applicable. For IPA assignments, the individual remains an employee on the payroll of his or her home institution and the institution continues to administer pay and benefits. NSF reimburses the institution for NSF's negotiated share of the costs. Individuals eligible for an IPA assignment include employees of State and local government agencies, institutions of higher education, Indian tribal governments, federally funded research and development centers and qualified nonprofit organizations. For more information regarding Visiting Scientist appointments or IPA assignments, visit our website at www.nsf.gov/about/career_opps.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: As Program Director, directs in the implementation, review, funding, post-award management, and evaluation of the program and contributes to the intellectual integration with other programs supported by the Division. Coordinates the division's scientific goals, objectives and priorities, integration of scientific, technical, and educational priorities into effective program policies, strategies, their implementation, and evaluation procedures. Additional activities will include managing relevant components of the Network Systems (Nets), Computer Systems Research (CSR) and Education and Workforce (EWF) clusters and Special Projects topics, outreach, and program planning and dissemination for all related projects. Designs and implements the proposal review and evaluation process for relevant proposals. Selects well qualified individuals to provide objective reviews on proposals either as individuals or as members of a panel. Conducts final review of proposals and evaluations, and recommends acceptance or declination. Manages and monitors on-going grants, contracts, interagency and cooperative agreements to ensure fulfillment of commitments to NSF. Evaluates progress of awards through review and evaluation of reports and publications submitted by awardees and/or meetings at NSF and during site visits. Contributes to the responsibility for establishing goals and objectives, initiating new program thrusts and phasing out old projects. Recommends new or revised policies and plans in scientific, fiscal, and administrative matters to improve the activities and management of the Program.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience in computer science, computer engineering, computational science, communication, information science, or allied disciplines, and significant experience in education. In addition, six or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the program is required. Also desirable is knowledge of the general scientific community, skill in written communication and preparation of technical reports, an ability to communicate orally, and several years of successful independent research of the kind normally expected of the academic rank of associate professor or higher. All appointees are expected to function effectively both within specific programs, as well as in a team mode, contributing to and coordinating with organizations in the Directorate, across the Foundation, and with other Federal and State government agencies and private-sector organizations.

HOW TO APPLY: Application maybe transmitted electronically to rotator@nsf.gov. Individuals may also submit a resume or any application of your choice to the National Science Foundation, Division of Human Resource Management, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Attn: E20060121A-Rotator. In addition, you are encouraged to submit a narrative statement that addresses your background and/or experience related to the Program. You are asked to complete and submit the attached Applicant Survey form. Submission of this form is voluntary and will not affect your application for employment (the information is used for statistical purposes). Telephone inquiries may be referred to Executive and Visiting Personnel Branch, at (703) 292-8755. For technical information, contact Dr. Wei Zhao, Division Director, at (703) 292-8950 or mailto:wzhao@nsf.gov. Hearing impaired individuals may call TDD (703) 292-8044.

The National Science Foundation provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the point of contact listed on this vacancy announcement.

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Vacancy Ann. #:_____   Position Status (temporary/permanent):_____

Position Title/Series/Grade:_____

INSTRUCTIONS

Your completion of this form will be appreciated. Submission of this Information is voluntary and it will have no effect on the processing of your application. The data collected will be used only for statistical purposes to ensure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(b), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection is 3145-0096.   NSF estimates that each respondent should take about 3 minutes to complete this survey, including time to read the instructions. You may have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this survey, including suggestions for reducing this burden. If so, please send them to NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Division of Administrative Services, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. 22230.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION

GENERAL - This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 31, 1974, for individuals completing Federal records and forms that solicit personal information.
 AUTHORITY - Section 7201 of title 5 of the U.S. Code and Section 2000e-16 of title 42 of the U.S. Code.

PURPOSE AND ROUTINE USES

The information is used for research and for a Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) to help insure that agency personnel practices meet the requirements of Federal law. Address questions concerning this form and its uses to the Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230.

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1. Today's Date:_____ 2. Year of Birth:_____

3. How did you learn about the particular position for which you are applying? (Circle appropriate number.)

01 - Newspaper (specify)_____	10 - Federal, State or local job information center
02 - Contact with NSF Personnel Office	11 - State vocational rehabilitation agency or
(Agency Bulletin Board or other Announcement)	Veterans Administration
03 - NSF-initiated personal contact	12 - State employment office
04 - Science Magazine, or other professional journal or magazine	13 - School or college counselor or other official
(specify)_____	14 - Private job Information service
05 - Affirmative Action Register	15 - Private employment service
06 - Attendance at conference, meeting or job fair	16 - Friend or relative working at NSF
(specify)_____	17 - Friend or relative not working at NSF
07 - NSF recruitment at school or college	18 – NSF website
08 - Colleague referral	19 – Internet or other website
09 - NSF Bulletin	20 - Other (specify)_____

4. Select the ethnic category with which you most closely identify:
   A. **Hispanic or Latino**. A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.
   B. **Not Hispanic or Latino**.

5. Select one or more racial category with which you most closely identify:
   A. American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
   B. Asian. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
   C. Black or African American. A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
   D. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
   E. White. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

6. Sex (Circle the appropriate letter.)   F - Female   M - Male

7. Please provide Information on your disability status by circling the appropriate category below:

 1. I do not have a disability; 2. Hearing impairment; 3. Vision impairment; 4. Missing extremities; 5. Partial paralysis;
 6. Complete paralysis; 7. Convulsive disorder; 8. Mental retardation; 9. Mental or emotional illness; 10.Severe distortion of limbs and/or spine; 11.I have a disability but it is not listed.

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